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Widening and Improving the Entrance into the City of London near *Temple Bar*, for making a more commodious Street, or Passage, at *Snow Hill*, and for raising, on the Credit of the Orphans' Fund, a Sum of Money for those Purposes.

*** **WHEREAS** the Entrance into the City of London, at and Preamble.
to the Westward of *Temple Bar* in the Parish of *Saint Clement Danes*, in the County of *Middlesex*, being the principal Avenue for Carriages from *Westminster* into the said City; And also, the Street called *Snow Hill*, in the Parish of *Saint Sepulchre*, in the said City or the Liberties thereof, being the principal Avenue for Carriages into, or through, the said City from the New Squares and Buildings on the North-West thereof; are too narrow and incommodious for the passing and repassing, as well of Foot Passengers as of Coaches, Carts, and other Carriages, to the Prejudice and Inconvenience of the Owners and Inhabitants of Houses in and near the same, to the great Interruption of Business, and to the endangering of the Lives of many of his Majesty's Subjects:

And whereas such Inconveniences might be removed, if the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the said City, in Common Council assembled, were enabled to widen and improve the Streets or Passages at and to the Westward of *Temple Bar* aforesaid, and at and from the East End of *Snow Hill* aforesaid to the Bottom of *Holborn Hill*, and for those Purposes (if necessary or expedient) to take down, and rebuild in a different Position, the Parish Church of *Saint Clement Danes*, in the County aforesaid, and to purchase such Houses, Buildings, and Ground, as may be necessary for those Purposes; but such Improvements cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament:

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Therefore,

Therefore, upon the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled,

May it please your MAJESTY,

Common Council empowered to widen the Passage at Temple Bar, and to make a commodious Street at Snow Hill.

That it may be Enacted, and be it Enacted, by the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons of Great Britain, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, shall be, and they are hereby, empowered to design, lay out, open, and make, a spacious and convenient Street, Way, or Passage, from Temple Bar aforesaid to the East End, and along the North Side of the Parish Church of Saint Clement Danes aforesaid, home to the East Ends of Wych Street and Holywell Street, by erecting and building, or causing to be erected and built, Dwelling Houses or other Buildings, so as to form a strait Line from the North End of Temple Bar aforesaid to the North East Corner of Wych Street aforesaid, and by removing all the Houses and Buildings (except the said Parish Church of Saint Clement Danes, which is intended to be enclosed with Iron Railing) between such strait Line and the South Side of the Strand, and to leave the Ground now covered therewith open, for the Purpose of making a large and commodious Street or Passage, for the Accommodation of the Public; and also to design, lay out, open, and make, a commodious Street or Passage from the East End of Snow Hill aforesaid to the Bottom of Holborn Hill aforesaid.

And to erect Dwelling Houses and other Buildings upon the Ground to be purchased.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall be and they are hereby empowered to erect and build, or cause to be erected and built, such Dwelling-Houses, and other Buildings, as they shall think proper upon the other Ground to be purchased by Virtue and under the Authority of this Act, at or near Snow Hill aforesaid, or such Part or Parts thereof as shall not be necessary for the Street, Way, or Passage, intended to be made there as aforesaid.

And to take down and rebuild the Church of St. Clement Danes.

And be it further Enacted, That if the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think it necessary or expedient, for the Purpose of widening and improving the Street or Passage on the South Side of the said Parish Church of St. Clement Danes, that the said Parish Church should be taken down, and rebuilt in a different Position, then and in such Case the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall also be, and they are hereby, empowered to take down the said Parish

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Sept Portico on Steps.

with Church of *Saint Clement Danes*, and rebuild the same according to the present Model, or Structure, and Dimensions, as near as conveniently may be to the Site upon which the said Church now stands. And that, in case the said Church shall be taken down and rebuilt by Virtue of this Act, the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall, as soon afterwards as they conveniently can, effectually replace and refix the Galleries and Pews in the said Church in like Manner and Form, and of the like Dimensions, as the same respectively now are, which shall be done as far as may be without Prejudice to the Rights and Interests of the respective Owners and Lessees of Pews and Seats in the said Church. And the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall also effectually refix and replace the Bells and Organ, and all other the Fixtures, Furniture, and Appurtenances, of and belonging to the said Church, in like Situations, Manner, and Form, as the same are now fixed and placed respectively.

except such other alterations

And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and they are thereby authorised and empowered, to raise or lower the Ground of such intended Streets, Ways, or Passages, so to be made as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, to such Height or Heights as they shall judge necessary.

Iron railing to be made
New Streets may be raised or lowered.

And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to cause all Sewers and Drains, which shall lie and be in or near such intended Streets, Ways, or Passages, or either of them, or any Part thereof, to be arched over, or filled up, as shall appear necessary for completing the said intended Improvements, so as the same shall not in any wise obstruct, injure, or prejudice, any public Sewer or Drain whatsoever.

Sewers and Drains to be arched over or filled up.

Provided always, That, at the Time of filling up any Sewer or Drain as aforesaid, the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall make, erect, and build, good and sufficient Sewers and Drains, of convenient Depth and Width; and, when the same shall be so made and completed, the said respective Sewers and Drains shall be under the Jurisdiction, Care, Management, and Direction, of the Commissioners appointed, or to be appointed, under or by Virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament, for the District or Districts wherein such Sewers or Drains respectively shall be situate.

Drains or Sewers to be made, &c.

And

Common
Council em-
powered to
build on, stop
up, or in-
close Parts of
Streets, and
also Courts,
Alleys, &c.

And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, to cause to be built upon, stopped up, or inclosed, any Part or Parts of the present Streets, and any of the present Courts, Alleys, Ways, or Passages, and any void Ground adjoining to the said intended Streets, and which now are, or heretofore were, used as Ways or Passages, and any Part or Parts thereof which shall appear to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, proper to be built upon, stopped up, or inclosed, for the Purposes of carrying this Act into Execution, and to sell and dispose of, or let, the Ground and Soil thereof to any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, for such Uses as they shall think proper, so as the Money arising by such Sale or Sales, or letting, be applied to the Purposes of this Act.

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Council im-
powered to
purchase
Houses,
Land, &c.
for the Pur-
poses afore-
said.

And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and they are hereby empowered to treat and agree with the Owners and Occupiers thereof, and other Persons interested therein for the Purchase of all the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, not exceeding One Hundred Feet in Depth from the Fronts thereof, respectively on the North Side of the *Strand*, *Butcher Row*, and the Street or Way, called or known by the Name of the Back of *Saint Clements*, from the South West Corner of *Shire Lane*, to the East End of *Wych Street* aforesaid; and also the Three Islands of Houses, and Buildings between the same and the South Side of the *Strand*, or so many, or such Part or Parts of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as they shall think necessary to be purchased, removed, or pulled down, for effecting the said Improvements at, and to the Westward of, *Temple Bar* aforesaid; and also to treat and agree with the Owners and Occupiers thereof, and other Persons interested therein, for the Purchase of all such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as they shall think necessary to be purchased, removed, or pulled down, for effecting the said Improvements at or near *Snow Hill*; and, after Payment of the Sum or Sums of Money which shall be agreed upon for such Purchase or Purchases, the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, are hereby authorized to appoint their Agents or Workmen to pull down such Houses and Buildings, and remove, sell, or dispose of the Materials thereof, and to lay out such Lands respectively into such intended Streets, Ways, or Passages, as afore-
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said, or otherwise apply and dispose thereof for the Purposes of this Act.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, shall be applied to by, or on Behalf of, the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, to treat for, sell, dispose of, or convey, for any of the Purposes of this Act, any Part or Parts of any House, Warehouse, Yard, or Ground, in the actual Occupation of one Tenant, or of several joint Tenants, and the Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, so applied to, shall, by Notice in Writing, to be left at the Comptroller's Office in the *Guild-hall* of the said City within 30 Days next after such Application, signifying his, her, or their, Inclination or Desire to treat for, sell, dispose of, and convey, the whole of such House, Warehouse, Yard, or Ground, some Part whereof shall be deemed necessary to be purchased for the Purposes of this Act; and if it shall happen that the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall not think proper or be willing to purchase the Whole of such House, Warehouse, Yard, or Ground; then, and in every such Case, Nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to compel the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers thereof, to treat for, sell, dispose of, or convey Part only, or less than the Whole, of such House, Warehouse, Yard, or Ground, any Thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

No Person
compellable
to sell Part of
his Premises
if willing to
sell the whole.

And be it further Enacted, That, in Case any Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or other Person or Persons, who shall be seised, or possessed of, or interested in, any House or Houses, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part or Parts thereof, which shall be necessary to be purchased for the Purposes of this Act; shall also be seised, or possessed of, or interested in, any House, or Houses, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part or Parts thereof, which shall not be so purchased, nor intended so to be, and which by adjoining, or being near to, the Hereditaments, or Premises, so necessary to be purchased, or any of the Improvements aforesaid, shall be in any wise meliorated or improved; then, and in every such Case, a proper and reasonable Allowance, or Abatement, shall be made in the Price of the Hereditaments or Premises so to be purchased of such Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or other Person or Persons so seised, possessed, or interested, respectively for, and on Account of,

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such Melioration or Improvement, of their, his, or her, said Estate, Hereditaments, or Premises, not purchased, nor intended to be purchased as aforesaid.

Power of purchasing limited to Years.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That, if the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall not, within the Space of Years next after passing this Act, agree for, or cause to be valued as hereinafter mentioned, and purchase the Lands and Houses which they are hereby empowered to purchase as aforesaid; then, and from thenceforth, the Powers to them hereby granted for such Purpose only shall cease, determine, and be utterly void and of no Effect, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Bodies Politic &c. Trustees, and other Persons empowered to sell and convey Lands, &c.

And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations aggregate, or sole Trustees, and Feoffees, in Trust, for charitable or other Uses; and all other Trustees, and Feoffees in Trust, whatsoever, Guardians, and Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, Executors, Administrators, and Guardians whatsoever, and not only for or on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on Behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants, or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Persons whomsoever; and to and for all Femes Covert who are, or shall be, seised in their own Right; and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who are, or shall be, seised, or possessed of, or interested in, any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall be thought necessary to be purchased for any of the Purposes of this Act; to sell, and convey, assign, or surrender, all or any such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Estates, or any of them, or any Part or Parcel thereof, and all their respective Interests therein, of what Nature or Kind soever, to the Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, or any Person or Persons in Trust for them; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales, Conveyances, Assignments, Surrenders, and Assurances, which shall be made by such Persons as aforesaid, shall be good and valid in the Law, to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever, of their several and respective Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants, or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Persons whomsoever, and all claiming, or to claim by, from,

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or under, them, any Law, Statute, Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding; and that all such Persons so conveying as aforesaid, or making such Assurances as aforesaid, shall be, and are hereby, indemnified for what they shall do by Virtue or in Pursuance of this Act, notwithstanding any Omission, or Mistake of Matter or Form whatsoever: And, if it shall happen that any Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any other Person or Persons seised, or possessed of, or interested in, any such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as aforesaid, shall refuse to treat or agree, or by Reason of Disability cannot agree with the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, or with any Person or Persons authorised by them, for the Sale and Conveyance of their respective Estates and Interests therein, or shall not produce and evince a clear Title to the Premises they are in Possession of, or to the Interest they claim therein, or shall refuse, or be disabled from, making and allowing such Compensation, in respect of the Melioration or Improvement of the remaining Part of their respective Premises as aforesaid, to the Satisfaction of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, or of the Person or Persons so authorised by them; then, and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City, to be holden in the outer Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the said City, according to the Custom of the said City, and the said Court are hereby empowered and authorised to issue a Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, directed to the Sheriffs of the City of *London*, or to the Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex*, as the Case shall require, who are, and each of them is, hereby authorised, directed, and required, accordingly, to impanel, summon, and return, a competent Number of substantial and disinterested Persons qualified to serve on Juries, not less than nor more than and out of such Persons, so to be impan- nelled, summoned, and returned, a Jury of Twelve Men shall be drawn by some Person, to be by the said Court appointed, in such Manner as Juries for the Trial of Issues joined in His Majesty's Courts at Westminster, are, by an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, "An Act for the better Regulation of Juries," directed to be drawn, which Persons, so to be impanelled, summoned, and returned, as aforesaid, are hereby required to come and appear before the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, if the Premises in Dispute lie in the said City of *London*, at such Time and Place as in such Warrant

When Parties
refuse to treat,
&c. the Court
of Mayor and
Aldermen to
issue a Pre-
cept for im-
panelling a
Jury;

who are to be
drawn as the
Act 3 Geo.
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Jury may be
challenged.

Jury to assess
the Value on
Oath.

or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, shall be directed and appointed; and, if the Premises lie in the County of *Middlesex*, to come and appear before the Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, at some Quarter or General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in and for the said County, or some Adjournment thereof, as in such Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, shall be directed and appointed; and to attend the said Courts respectively, from Day to Day, until discharged by the said Courts respectively; and all Parties concerned shall and may have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen, but shall not be at Liberty to challenge the Array; and the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Justices, respectively, are hereby authorized and empowered, by Precept or Precepts, from Time to Time, as Occasion shall require, to call before them all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who shall be thought proper and necessary to be examined as a Witness or Witnesses, on his, her, or their, Oath or Oaths, touching or concerning the Premises; and the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Justices, respectively, if they think fit, shall and may likewise authorize the said Jury to view the Place or Places, or Premises, in Question, in such Manner as they shall direct; and the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Justices, respectively, shall have Power to adjourn such Meeting from Day to Day, as Occasion shall require, and to command such Jury, Witnesses, and Parties, to attend, until all such Affairs, for which they were summoned, shall be concluded, and the said Jury upon their Oaths (which Oaths, as also the Oaths of such Person or Persons as shall be called upon to give Evidence, the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Justices, respectively, are hereby empowered and required to administer) shall enquire of the Value of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and of the proportionable Value of the respective Estates and Interests, of every Person or Persons seised or possessed thereof, or interested therein, or of or in any Part thereof, and the Deductions or Allowances directed to be made on Account of Melioration or Improvement of Houses, Lands, or other Premises, or Parts of Houses, Lands, or other Premises, which shall belong to the Party or Parties intitled to such Value, Recompence, and Satisfaction, respectively, but which shall not then be intended to be so purchased, and shall assess and award the Sum or Sums of Money to be paid to such Person or Persons, Party or Parties, respectively, for the Purchase of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and of such respective Estates and Interests therein, and the said Court of Mayor, and Aldermen, or Justices, respectively, shall

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shall and may give Judgement for such Sum or Sums of Money, so to be assessed, which said Verdict or Verdicts, and the said Judgement and Judgements, Determination and Determinations, thereupon, (Notice in Writing being given to the Person or Persons interested or claiming so to be, at least

Verdict of the
Jury, &c.
to be final.

Days, before the Time of the Meeting of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Justices, as aforesaid, respectively, and the Jury, by leaving such Notice at the Dwelling House of such Person or Persons, or at his, her, or their, usual Place or Places of Abode, or with some Tenant or Occupier, of some of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, intended to be valued or assessed, shall be binding and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as well against the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, as against all Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, and all and every Person and Persons claiming any Estate, Right, Title, Trust, Use, or Interest, in, to, or out of, such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and Premises, in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, as well Infants and Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, and Females Covert, and Persons under any other legal Incapacity or Disability, as all other cestuique Trusts, his, her, and their, Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, and against all other Persons whomsoever; and the said Verdicts, Judgements, and Decrees, and all other Proceedings of the said Court of Mayor, and Aldermen, and Justices, respectively, and Juries, so to be made, given, and pronounced, as aforesaid, shall be fairly written on Parchment, and signed by the Town Clerk of the said City, or the Clerk of the Peace of the said County for the Time being, as the Case shall be.

Previous Notice to be given to Parties interested.

And, in Case it shall so happen, that the Sum or Sums of Money, so to be assessed and awarded, in Consequence of such Refusal, to treat and agree aforesaid, as the Value of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or as such proportional Value as aforesaid; and as the Recompence and Satisfaction to be made for the Injury or Damage sustained, as before mentioned, respectively; shall not exceed the Sum or Sums of Money, which the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Council assembled, or any Person or Persons authorized by them, shall have previously offered to pay, as and for such Value, Recompence, and Satisfaction, then, and in every such Case, all the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences, of causing and procuring such Value and Recompence, to be assessed and awarded by a Jury as aforesaid, and of so assessing and awarding the same, shall be borne and paid by the Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or other Person or Persons so seized or possessed of, or interested in, such Houses,

Expences of Juries provided for.

Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and so refusing to treat and agree as before mentioned respectively. And the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, are hereby authorized and empowered, to deduct and retain the said Costs, Charges, and Expences, out of the Sum or Sums of Money so to be assessed or awarded as aforesaid, or out of any Part thereof.

Upon Payment of the Value assessed the Premises to be conveyed to the City.

When a good Title cannot be made, or legal Conveyances executed;

Or the Parties are not to be found, &c.

And be it further Enacted, That upon Payment of the Sum or Sums of Money so to be awarded and adjudged as aforesaid, after such Deduction as aforesaid, to the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be so awarded, for the Purchase of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or for the Purchase of any Estate or Interest therein, such Person or Persons shall make and execute, or procure to be made and executed, good, valid, and legal, Conveyances, Assignments, and Assurances in the Law, to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, or any Person or Persons in Trust for them of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or of such Estate or Interest for which such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so awarded, and shall procure all necessary Parties to execute such Conveyances, Assignments, and Assurances, and shall do all Acts, Matters, and Things, necessary and requisite to make and derive a good, clear, and perfect, Title thereto, to the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens; and such Conveyances, Assignments, and Assurances, shall contain all such reasonable and usual Covenants as shall, on the Part of the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, be required. And, in case the Person or Persons, to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded as aforesaid, shall not be able to evince and make out a good and sufficient Title to the Premises to the Satisfaction of the said Mayor, Alderman, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and to make, or procure to be made, good, valid, and legal Conveyances thereof to the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, or any Person or Persons in Trust for them, or shall refuse so to do, being thereto required, and such Sum or Sums so assessed and awarded as aforesaid, after such Deduction as aforesaid, being produced and tendered to be paid to him, her, or them, on their making such Title, and executing, or procuring to be executed, such Conveyances, Assignments, or Assurances, as aforesaid; or shall refuse to accept or receive the same, being tendered to be paid to him, her, or them, or in Case any such Person or Persons, to whom any Sum or Sums of Money as aforesaid shall be so awarded, cannot be found in the said City of London, or in the County of Middlesex, or in Case that, by Reason of Disputes

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putes depending in any Court of Law or Equity, or for Defect of Evidence, it shall not appear to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, what Person or Persons is or are intitled to the Premises in Question; then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen to order the said Sum or Sums so assessed and awarded as the Value and Purchase Money for the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as aforesaid to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name, and with the Privity, of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account, to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments (describing them), subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition, of the said Court of Chancery; which said Court of Chancery, on the Application of any Person or Persons making Claim to such Sum or Sums, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall be, and is hereby, empowered, in a summary Way of Proceeding, or otherwise, as to the same Court shall seem meet, to order Distribution thereof, according to the respective Estate or Estates, Title, or Interest, of the Person or Persons making Claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, who shall receive such Sum and Sums, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums, mentioning and specifying for what, and for whose Use, the same is or are received, to such Persons as shall pay any such Sum or Sums into the Bank as aforesaid.

Court to order the Purchase Money to be paid in to the Bank, &c.

Subject to the Order of the Court of Chancery, on Motion or Petition.

And be it further Enacted, That all such Verdicts, Judgments, Sentences, Decrees, Orders, and other Proceedings, of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Justices, respectively, and Juries, as relate to, or concern, any of the Cases before mentioned, and all Receipts, which the said Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank shall give, for any Sum or Sums of Money paid into the Bank in Consequence of any such Verdict and Judgement, shall be entered among the Records of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, as the Case shall happen to be, and the said Verdicts, Judgments, Sentences, Decrees, and Orders, and other Proceedings, shall be deemed and taken to be Records to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and the same, or true Copies thereof, shall be deemed and taken to be good and effectual Evidence and Proof in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity whatsoever, and all Persons shall and may

Verdicts and Judgments to be entered among the Records.

may have Recourse to the same gratis, and to take Copies thereof, paying for every Copy not exceeding ²⁰⁰ Words and so proportionably for any greater Number of Words; and immediately after such Verdicts, Judgements, Sentences, Decrees, Orders, and other Proceedings, of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Justices as aforesaid respectively, and Juries, and Payment into the Bank as aforesaid, and after such Receipt or Receipts of the said Cashier or Cashiers shall be given as before mentioned, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand, in Law and Equity, of the Person or Persons to whose Credit such Money shall be paid in, to, and out of, the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, to be purchased as aforesaid, shall vest in the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, and they shall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Seisin or Possession thereof to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as fully and effectually as if every Person having any Estate in the Premises had actually conveyed the same by Lease and Release, Bargain and Sale, inrolled Feoffment, with Livery of Seisin, Fine, Common Recovery, or any other Conveyance or Assurance whatsoever, and such Payment shall not only bar all Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand of the Person or Persons to whose Credit such Payment shall have been made, but also shall extend to, and be deemed, and construed to bar the Dower and Dowers of the Wife and Wives of such Person and Persons, and all Estates, Tail, and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of such Person and Persons, and every Person claiming under them as effectually as Fines or Common Recoveries would do, if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law.

Immediately
after Verdicts
and Pay-
ments, &c.
Premises to
vest in the
City.

Court of May-
or and Alder-
men, on Pe-
tition, may
invest the
Money in the
Public Funds.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, after such Payment into the Bank, and Entry of the Receipt as aforesaid, and before any Application in respect thereof to the said Court of Chancery, at the Petition of any Person or Persons claiming to be interested in such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to place out or invest, or cause to be placed out or invested, such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, in some of the Public Funds, or on Government Security, at Interest, in the Name or Names of of any Person or Persons authorized and appointed by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen for that Purpose, in Trust, to transfer and assign the same to the Person or Persons to whom the Premises shall belong on their executing proper Conveyances thereof

thereof, and, in the mean Time, in Trust, to pay the Interest and Dividends arising therefrom, to the Person or Persons, who was or were in Possession of the said Premises at the Time of the said Payment into the Bank, such Tenant in Possession, not being a Tenant at Will; and the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen are hereby impowered to make such Order as aforesaid on the Bank, for the Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, as shall be necessary, in order to the same being so invested in Public Securities; and the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, or other Person or Persons, to whom the said Premises, for which such Money shall have been so paid as aforesaid, shall by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the said City in Common Council assembled, be ordered or appointed to be conveyed as beforementioned, shall be quieted in the Seisin and Possession of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, for which such Money shall be so paid as aforesaid, and shall not be answerable or accountable in any Court of Law or Equity, for the Money so deposited and placed out as aforesaid, any otherwise than according to the true Meaning of this Act.

And be it further Enacted, That the principal Money arising from the Sale of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be purchased for the Purposes expressed in this Act, of any Body Corporate or Collegiate, Corporation Aggregate, or Feoffees in Trust, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees, or from any Feme Covert, shall be paid to such Persons as they shall respectively nominate to receive the same in Trust, with all convenient Speed, then afterwards to be re-invested in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be conveyed and settled to and upon, and subject to, the like Uses, Trusts, Limitations, Remainders, and Contingencies, as the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be purchased of them respectively, by the said Mayor, and Commonalty and Citizens, as aforesaid, were respectively settled, limited, or assured, at the Time of such Purchase, or so many thereof as at the Time of making such Conveyances and Settlements shall be existing and capable of taking Effect.

Purchase Money of Premises held in Trust to be invested in other Purchases to the same Uses.

And be it further Enacted, That the Conveyance of any such Estate or Interest, of any Feme Covert, to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, or any Person or Persons in Trust for them, by Bargain and Sale, acknowledged by such Feme Covert, and to be duly inrolled in the High Court of Chancery within

Bargains and Sales to have the Force of Fines and Recoveries.

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Calendar Months after the making thereof, shall as effectually and absolutely convey the Estate and Interest of such Feme Covert in the Premises, as any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, would or could do, if levied or suffered thereof in due Form of Law; and farther, that all Bargains and Sales whatsoever, to be made of any such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as shall be purchased by the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, by Virtue of and for the Purpose of this Act, and inrolled as aforesaid, shall have the like Force, Effect, and Operation in Law, to all Intents and Purposes, as any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, whatsoever, would have had, if levied or suffered by the Bargainer or Bargainers, or any Person or Persons seized of any Estate in the Premises in Trust, for such Bargainer or Bargainers, in any legal Manner or Form whatsoever.

Persons having any Right, &c. to enter their Claims within a limited Time, or be barred.

And be it further Enacted, That all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, having or claiming any Right, Title, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, or Demand, whatsoever, whether in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, in, to, or out of, any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which, by Virtue and for the Purposes of this Act, shall be purchased by, and conveyed or mentioned, or intended to be conveyed, to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, or any Person or Persons in Trust for them, by any such Bargain and Sale as aforesaid, shall, within the Space of Years, to be computed from the Date of the Inrollment of such Bargain and Sale, enter a Memorial of such their Right, Title, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand, in a Book to be for that Purpose prepared and kept by the Town Clerk of the said City of *London*, or the Clerk of the Peace of the said County of *Middlesex*, for the Time being respectively; which Book the said Town Clerk and Clerk of the Peace, respectively, are hereby required to prepare and keep accordingly, and for which Entry they shall be entitled to such Fee, and no other, as the Register of the County of *Middlesex* is by Law entitled to, for the Registry of a Memorial containing the same Number of Words; and all and every Person and Persons whosoever, not entering such Right, Claim, and Demand, within such Time, and in such Manner, as aforesaid, or having so entered the same, and not prosecuting such their Right, Claim, or Demand, with Effect, within the Space of Years, to be computed from the Time of such Entry, shall be for ever barred of all Right, Title, Use, Equity, Property, Claim, and Demand, whatsoever, whether in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, into, upon, or out of, the said Premises, and every Part thereof, and the said Mayor,

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Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, and those claiming by, from, or under, them, shall be quieted in the Possession of all such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, any Law, Statute, Usage, Matter, or Thing, whatsoever, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided nevertheless, and be it further Enacted, That any Person or Persons barred of any Right, Title, Estate, Interest, Claim, or Demand, whatsoever, in, to, or out of, the said Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, by Virtue of this Act, shall be at Liberty to bring any Action or Actions of Debt, or for Money had and received to his, her, or their, Use, against any Person or Persons, or the legal Representatives of any Person or Persons who shall have received all or any Part of the Purchase Money arising from such Sale of the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, aforesaid; and that in every such Case the respective Plaintiffs on Proof of such Title as would have enabled them to recover such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, or any Estate or Interest in the same, shall recover the said Purchase Money, or so much thereof as shall be equivalent to their Interest in the said Premises, together with such Interest as shall be equivalent to the Mesne Profits of the Premises which they would have been entitled to recover, in case this Act had not been made.

But may recover the Purchase Money, &c. from Persons receiving the same.

And be it further Enacted, That every Tenant at Will, or Lessee for a Year, or any other Person or Persons in Possession of any such Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, or any Part thereof, which shall be purchased by Virtue of and for the Purposes of this Act, and who shall have no greater Interest in the Premises than as Tenant at Will, or as Lessee for a Year, or from Year to Year, shall deliver up the Possession of such Premises immediately to the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, or to such Person or Persons as the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the said City, in Common Council assembled, shall appoint to take Possession of the same, in case the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the said City, in Common Council assembled, or such Person or Persons authorized by them, shall pay or tender to him or them Calendar Months Rent of the same Premises, or shall give him or them Calendar Months Notice to quit such Possession when such Person or Persons in Possession shall, at the End of the said Calendar Months, or so soon after as he or they shall be required, peaceably and quietly, to deliver up the Possession of the said Premises to the said Mayor

Tenants at Will, &c. to deliver Possession on Tender of Rent or on Notice.

Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, or the Person or Persons authorized by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, to take Possession thereof; and that, in case any such Person or Persons, so in Possession as aforesaid, shall refuse to give such Possession as aforesaid, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, to issue their Precept or Precepts to the Sheriffs of the said City of *London*, or the Sheriff of the said County of *Middlesex*, as the Case shall require, to deliver Possession of the Premises to such Person or Persons as shall in such Precept or Precepts be nominated to receive the same; and the said Sheriffs or Sheriff are hereby required to deliver such Possession accordingly of the said Premises, and to levy such Costs as shall accrue from the Issuing and Execution of such Precept or Precepts on the Person or Persons so refusing to give Possession, as aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of his, her, or their Goods.

Mortgagees
on Tender of
Principal and
Interest to
convey.

And be it further Enacted, That all and every Person and Persons who shall have any Mortgage, or Mortgages, on such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, not being in Possession thereof, by Virtue of such Mortgage or Mortgages, shall, on the Tender of the principal Money and Interest due thereon, together with the Amount of Six Calendar Months Interest on the said principal Money, by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled; or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint; immediately convey, assign, and transfer, such Mortgage, or Mortgages, to the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, or to such Person or Persons as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall appoint; or in case such Mortgagee or Mortgagees shall have Notice in Writing, from the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, or such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, that they will pay off and discharge the Principal Money and Interest which shall be due on the said Mortgage or Mortgages, at the End or Expiration of Six Calendar Months, to be computed from the Day of giving such Notice, that then, at the End of the said Calendar Months, on Payment of the Principal and Interest so due, such Mortgagee or Mortgagees shall convey, assign, and transfer, his, her, or their, Interest in the Premises to the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, or such Person or Persons as shall be appointed in Trust for them; and, in case such Mortgagee or Mortgagees shall refuse to convey, and assign, as aforesaid, on such Tender or Payment, that then all Interest on every such Mortgage shall from thenceforth cease and determine.

On Refusal,
Interest to
cease.

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And be it further Enacted, That upon Payment of the Principal Money and Interest due on any Mortgage as aforesaid into the Bank, at the End of Calendar Months, from the Day of giving such Notice as aforesaid, for the Use of the Mortgagee or Mortgagees, the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank shall give a Receipt or Receipts for the said Money, in like Manner as is hereinbefore directed in Cases of other Payments into the Bank, and thereupon all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand, of the said Mortgagee or Mortgagees, and of all and every Person and Persons in Trust for him, her, or them, shall vest in the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, and they shall be deemed to be in the actual Possession of the Premises comprised in such Mortgage or Mortgages, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Upon Payment of Principal and Interest into the Bank,

Premises to vest in the City.

And be it further Enacted, That all Sums of Money, or other Consideration, Recompence, or Satisfaction, to be paid or made pursuant to any such Agreement, or Verdict as aforesaid, or in Discharge of any such Mortgage, shall be paid or tendered to the Party or Parties entitled to the same, or paid into the Bank of *England* as aforesaid, before the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, or any Person or Persons authorised by them, shall proceed to pull down any House or Houses, or other Erections or Buildings, comprised in or affected by such Agreement, Verdict, or Mortgage, respectively, or to use the Ground for any of the Purposes of this Act.

Moneys to be paid or tendered before any Use made of the Premises.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and the said Justices respectively, shall have Power, from Time to Time, to impose any reasonable Fine, not exceeding the Sum of on such Sheriffs or Sheriff, or their or his Deputy or Deputies, Bailiffs, or Agents respectively, making Default in the Premises, and on any of the Persons who shall be summoned and returned on any such Jury or Juries as shall not appear, or as shall refuse to be sworn on the said Jury or Juries, or, being so sworn, shall not give his or their Verdict, and also on any Person or Persons who shall be summoned to give Evidence touching any of the Matters aforesaid, and shall not attend, or shall refuse to be sworn, or to affirm, or who shall refuse to give his, her, or their, Evidence, and on any other Person or Persons who shall in any other Manner wilfully neglect his, her, or their Duty, in the Premises, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and from Time to Time to levy such Fine or Fines by Order of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Justices, respectively, by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, together with the

Court of Aldermen may fine Sheriffs, Jurors, or Witnesses, for not attending, &c.

reasonable Charges of every such Distress and Sale, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners; and that a Copy of the Order of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, signed by the Town Clerk of the said City for the Time being, or a Copy of the Order of the said Justices, signed by the Clerk of the Peace of the said County of *Middlesex* for the Time being, shall respectively be sufficient Authority to the Person or Persons, therein to be appointed, and to every other Person acting, or aiding and assisting therein, to make such Distress and Sale; and all such Fines shall be paid to the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, to be applied to the Purposes of this Act.

Common Council im-
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poses of this
Act.

And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons in Common Council assembled, to let, sell, or dispose of, or cause to be let, sold, or disposed of, all or any of the Houses and Buildings to be erected and built as before mentioned, and their Appurtenances (except the said Parish Church), and also all or any Part or Parts of such Land or Ground, so to be purchased as aforesaid, as may not be necessary to be laid into any of the said intended Streets, Ways, or Passages, to such Person or Persons as shall be willing to contract, agree for, rent, or purchase, the same.

And to use or
sell old Mate-
rials.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall and may use, or caused to be used, such of the Materials of the said Parish Church, or of any Part thereof, as shall not be applied in rebuilding the same, and also all or any Part of the old Materials of Houses and other Buildings to be taken down, removed, or altered, respectively, pursuant to this Act, in or about the making and finishing of the aforesaid new Buildings and other Improvements, or any of them; or the same Materials, or any Part thereof, shall and may sell, or cause to be sold, as they shall think fit.

And to grant
Licences for
Building on
Part of the
Streets, &c.

And whereas, for the greater Regularity or Beauty of the said intended Streets, Ways, or Passages, to be made in Pursuance of this Act, it may be proper to build Houses, or Parts of Houses, on some Parts of the present Streets, Ways, or Passages, intended to be altered or stopped up by Virtue of this Act: **Be it there-
fore further Enacted,** That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, for and in Consideration of such Sum or Sums of Money, or yearly Rent or Rents, as they shall think reasonable, to grant unto the Owner or Owners of the Freehold, and Inheritance of

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the House or Houses, Buildings, Grounds, or Tenements, next adjoining in Front to the said Ground to be purchased, Licence or Licences, under the Common Seal of the Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, of the said City of *London*, to build upon, and inclose, so much of the Ground and Soil in the Front of the said respective House or Houses, Buildings, Ground, or Tenements, as they shall judge fit and proper to be built upon for the Purposes of this Act; and the Ground and Soil, so built upon in Pursuance of such Licence or Licences, shall for ever, or for or during the Time or Term to be expressed in such Licence or Licences, and subject to the Conditions therein to be contained, be annexed to the adjoining Freehold, any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That all Rents, and other Sum and Sums of Money, to arise by the Sale or Letting of the Houses, Buildings, and Grounds, so to be let or sold, or by Sale of such of the Materials of the said Parish Church as shall not be used in rebuilding the same, or by Sale of the Materials of Houses and Buildings to be purchased and pulled down, and all Moneys to arise from such Licences as aforesaid, shall be applied, and the same are hereby appropriated, to the Purposes of this Act, and to no other Use, Intent, or Purpose, whatsoever.

Moneys arising by Sales or Licences to be appropriated to the Purposes of this Act.

And whereas, by pulling down such Houses and Buildings, and Parts of Houses and Buildings, as may be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, and laying the Ground or Soil thereof into the said improved Streets, Ways, or Passages, the Number of Householders, and of Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Saint Clement Danes* may be diminished, and thereby the Income of the of the said Parish Church, for the Time being, may be lessened, unless some Provision for indemnifying him shall be made by this Act; and the of the Parish Church of *Saint Sepulchre* aforesaid may be deprived of his Remedy for recovering the Tithes or Yearly Sums of Money, or customary Payments, in Lieu of Tithes now charged on such Houses or Buildings in the same Parish, as may be necessary to be so pulled down, unless some Provision be made by this Act for the future Payment of the same: **Be it therefore Enacted,** That for indemnifying the of the said Parish Church of *Saint Clement Danes*, and his Successors, against such Loss as aforesaid, a perpetual annual Sum of of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, shall be charged upon and issuing out of such Ground in the said Parish of *St. Clement Danes*, as by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall

For securing the Tithes, &c. of Premises taken down.

shall be let or sold to be built upon in Pursuance of this Act, and upon and out of such Houses, Buildings, and Tenements, as shall be built or standing thereon, or the same Annual Sum of

shall be charged upon and issuing out of such Parcel or Parcels only of the same Ground, Houses, Buildings, and Tenements, and in such Shares and Proportions, or according to such Apportionment, among such respective Parcels as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall at the Time or Times of letting or selling such Parcels of Ground respectively, think fit and direct; and, as the same shall be accordingly charged upon such Parcels of Ground, Houses, Buildings, and Tenements, respectively, by any Deed or Deeds, Writing or Writings, under the Common Seal of the Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, of the said City of *London*; and the same Annual Sum so to be apportioned and charged as aforesaid, shall from Time to Time thereafter be payable to the

of the same Parish Church of *Saint Clement Danes*, and his Successors, for the Time being, for ever, in such Manner; and the same, or the respective Proportions thereof, shall commence from such Time, or respective Times, as are herein-after mentioned. And for securing to the

of the said Parish Church of *Saint Sepulchre*, the Payment of such Tithes, or Yearly Sums of Money, or Customary Payments, in Lieu of Tithes as aforesaid, now charged on such Houses and Buildings, in that Parish, as shall be pulled down in Pursuance of this Act; **Be it also Enacted**, That the Tithes, or Yearly Sums of Money, or Customary Payments, in Lieu of Tithes charged respectively on such Messuages, Buildings, or Tenements, and such Part or Parts of Messuages, Buildings, or Tenements, in the said Parish of *Saint Sepulchre*, as shall be pulled down under the Authority of this Act; and all Arrears, and growing Payments thereof, or Annual Sum or Annual Sums of Money, equal to the Loss which the

of the said Parish Church of *Saint Sepulchre* may sustain by the Execution of this Act, shall be charged upon and issuing out of such Ground in that Parish, as by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall be let or sold to be built upon in Pursuance of this Act; and upon and out of such Houses, Buildings, and Tenements, as shall be built or standing thereon, or the same Tithes, or Customary Payments, or Annual Sum or Sums, in Lieu of Tithes, shall be charged upon and issuing out of such Parts or Parcels only of the same Ground, Houses, Buildings, and Tenements, and in such Shares or Proportions, or according to such Apportionment, among such respective Parcels as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall, at the Time or Times of letting or

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or selling such Parcels of Ground, respectively direct, and as the same shall be accordingly charged upon such Parcels of Ground, Houses, Buildings, and Tenements, respectively, by any Deed or Deeds, Writing or Writings, under the Common Seal of the Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, of the said City of *London*. And the same Annual Sum, so to be apportioned and charged as aforesaid, shall from Time to Time thereafter be payable to the

of the same last mentioned Parish Church, and his Successors, for the Time being, for ever, in such Manner, and the same, or the respective Proportions thereof, shall commence from such Time or respective Times as are hereinafter mentioned; all which said Annual Sums, in lieu of Tithes, shall be paid and payable, clear of all Taxes and Deductions, at the Four most usual Quarterly Feasts or Days of Payment in every Year, that is to say, the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, the Nativity of *Saint John* the Baptist, *Saint Michael* the Archangel, and the Nativity of our Blessed Saviour, by equal Payments in every Year; the first Payment thereof respectively to commence on such of the said Feast Days as shall first and next happen after the pulling down of any such Houses, Buildings, or Tenements, or any Part or Parts thereof, in the said Parishes respectively, for the Purposes aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted, That as well the of the said Parish Church of *Saint Clement Danes* and his Successors, as the of the said Parish Church of *Saint Sepulchre*, and his Successors, shall for ever have and enjoy such and the like Powers, Authorities, and Remedies, for recovering and receiving the said annual Sums, hereby provided for them respectively, of and from the respective Owners, or Occupiers, of the Houses, Buildings, or Tenements, which shall be so charged therewith, or with certain Parts or Proportions thereof, according to the true Meaning of this Act, as they, or any, or either of them, now have or hath, for recovering and receiving the Tithes, or yearly Sums, or customary Payments in Lieu of Tithes, charged on, or payable in respect of, any Houses or Buildings to be taken down as aforesaid.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That, in the mean Time, after the said Annual Sums in Lieu of Tithes shall respectively commence and become payable, and until the Houses, Buildings, and Tenements, to be charged therewith, shall be inhabited, or actually occupied respectively, the same annual Sums shall

shall be duly paid and discharged from and out of the Money to be raised by Virtue of this Act.

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And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, from Time to Time, to appoint one or more Committee or Committees, to manage and transact all or any of the Matters or Purposes which they, the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, are hereby authorized and required to do, execute, or perform, which Committee or Committees, so to be appointed, shall have such, or so much, of the Powers and Authorities by this Act given to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think fit or proper to delegate to such Committee or Committees.

Persons inte-
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Provided nevertheless, and be it further Enacted, That if any Person, being a Member of any such Committee, shall be directly or indirectly interested, or concerned, in any Contract which shall be made or entered into by or on Behalf of such Committee for or concerning any of the Works to be performed or done in Pursuance of this Act, or for or concerning any Materials to be used or employed therein, every such Contract shall be void, and the Person, who, being a Member of such Committee, shall be so interested or concerned, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of £100 to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, to be commenced within Calendar Months next after the Offence committed, in which Action or Suit respectively no Protection, Effoin, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Persons not
free of the
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employed by
Committees.

And be it further Enacted, That the Committee or Committees so to be appointed shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, to, employ any fit Person or Persons, whether free of the said City or not, in or about any of the Works, Matters, or Things, which they shall cause to be performed or done by Virtue or in Pursuance of this Act; and to contract for the Doing and Performance of such Works, Matters, and Things, or any of them, with any Person or Persons, in such Manner as the said Committee or Committees shall think fit; and that

that no Person or Persons, who shall be so employed or contracted with in, or about, or for any of the Purposes of this Act, nor any Person or Persons to be set to work by or under them, or any of them, shall for any Act done or to be done in or about the Premises, be subject or liable to any Action, Indictment, or Information, upon the Statute made in the Fifth Year of Her late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled "An Act containing divers Orders for Artificers, "Labourers, Servants of Husbandry, and Apprentices," or be liable to be sued for any Breach of the Custom of *London*, or for any Penalty inflicted by any Bye-Law of the said City.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That, previous to the Making of any such Contract, Notice shall be given, in some of the Daily Newspapers, that such Committee intend to make such Contract; and that all Persons, willing to engage therein, may make Proposals to the said Committee at a certain Time and Place in every such Notice to be specified; and all Contracts, made or to be made in Consequence of such Notice, shall specify the several Works to be done, and the Price or Prices to be paid for the same, and the Time or Times when the said Works are to be completed, together with the Penalties to be incurred in case of the Non-Performance thereof, and the same shall be signed by the Clerk for the Time being of such Committee, as also by the Person or Persons contracting to perform such Works, respectively, and shall be entered in a Book or Books, to be kept for that Purpose by such Committee.

Directions for giving Notice of Contracts.

And whereas an Act was made in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled "An Act for Relief of the Orphans and other Creditors of the City of *London*," whereby a Fund was established for the Purposes therein mentioned, which said Fund, and the Receipts and Disbursements thereof, are under the Management and Direction of the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City of *London*: And whereas by several Acts, made in the Twenty-first and Twenty-ninth Years of King *George* the Second, and in the Seventh and Eighteenth Years of His present Majesty, or by some of them, the several Provisions for supporting the said Fund have been continued and augmented, and further Sums of Money charged thereon, for defraying the Expences of several Public Works:

Recital of an Act 5 and 6 William and Mary, for raising the Orphans' Fund.

And whereas the Income of the said Fund has for several Years past so much increased as to afford a reasonable Probability that, if the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, were enabled to raise the Sum of

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to be applied for the Purposes of this Act, upon the Credit of the Surplusses to arise from the said Fund, such Surplusses will be sufficient to pay off such further Charge as the Whole of the Debt and Sums of Money already charged thereon, within the Time for which the said Fund is continued by the Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, without the future Aid of the said annual Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, raised upon the Personal Estates of the several Inhabitants of the said City and Liberties in Pursuance of the said Acts: **Be it therefore further Enacted,** That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, at any Time or Times from and after the passing of this Act, to borrow and raise by Annuities or otherwise the Sum of _____ upon the Credit of the said Fund, (over and above the several Sums of Money heretofore charged, and now remaining due thereon) the said Moneys to be paid into the Receipt of the Chamber of the said City of *London* by such Instalments, in such Proportions, and at such Times, as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall direct: and the Persons who shall contract to advance or contribute any Part of the said Moneys shall, in respect of the Sums which they shall so respectively advance, be intitled to Annuities, at such Rates of Interest as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think reasonable, to commence from such Time or Times as shall be agreed upon, to be payable half-yearly, and to continue until Redemption thereof by Payments of each respective Principal Sum, and that no Part of the Moneys, so to be lent or advanced, nor any of the said Annuities so to take Place in respect thereof, shall be rated or assessed to any Tax or Assessment whatsoever.

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Inhabitants of
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cease.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall cause a Bond or Note, or other Security in Writing, under the Common Seal of the said City, to be delivered to every Person advancing any Part of the said Moneys, for the Payment of such Annuities, in respect thereof, until redeemed as is herein after mentioned, which Bonds, Notes, or other Securities, shall be assignable by Indorsement.

And be it further Enacted, That the Payment of the said Annual Sum of Two Thousand Pounds annually raised upon the Personal Estates of the several Inhabitants of the said City of *London*, and the Liberties thereof, towards the said Fund, called the Orphans' Fund,

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Fund, and all Powers, Authorities, and Remedies, for recovering and receiving the same, shall, from and after the Day of

cease and determine; and such Annual Sum, or any Part thereof, shall no longer be paid or payable, any Thing in the said Acts, hereinbefore mentioned or referred to, or any of them, or in this present Act, contained, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Fund, called the Orphan's Fund, shall be, and the same is hereby, charged and made chargeable with the Annuities which shall be payable in respect of the said Sum of The Orphans' Fund charged with such Annuities. to be borrowed and raised, under, or by Virtue of, this Act, subject nevertheless, and without Prejudice, to the Payment of the Interest on the principal Debts remaining due to the Orphans and other Creditors of the said City; and also, the several Annuities which are, or shall be, payable in respect of the several principal Sums borrowed and raised upon the Credit of the said Fund by the several Acts of Parliament herein before mentioned or referred to.

And be it further Enacted, That out of the future Surplusses of the said Fund, so created, continued, and augmented as aforesaid Surplusses of the said Fund how to be applied. (after reserving so much Money as shall be sufficient to satisfy the Interest due, and which shall at any Time be due to the Orphans and other Creditors of the said City, as also to satisfy the Interest due, and which shall at any Time be due, on the several other principal Sums borrowed and raised, by or under the said several Acts of Parliament herein before mentioned or referred to), the said Annuities, in respect of the said Sum of to be borrowed and raised under and by Virtue of this Act, shall be paid from Time to Time, as the same shall grow due, before any Part of such Surplusses shall be otherwise applied; and that the Residue of such Surplusses, after such Payments, as by the said several Acts are directed to be made out of the same, shall be paid and satisfied, shall, from Time to Time, by Order of the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City of London (which Order the said Court are hereby authorized and directed to make), be, by the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, applied towards the Redemption of all and singular the Annuities to be payable in respect of the said Sum of

in such Order as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall think fit.

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Annuities to
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Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall give, or cause to be given,

Calendar Months Notice of their Intention to pay off such Annuities, to be granted in respect of the said Sum of to the Person or Persons to whom the same shall respectively belong, at the End of which Calendar Months, upon Payment or Tender of the respective Sums for which such Annuities shall have been granted, to or for the Person or Persons then intitled thereto, at the Office of the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, in the *Guildhall* of the same City, the Annuity and Annuities payable to such Person or Persons respectively, shall cease and determine; nevertheless the Moneys so tendered shall be paid to such Person or Persons, upon his, her, or their Demand, and giving a Discharge for the same.

But the Prin-
cipal to be
still payable.

Deficiencies
to be
paid out of
the Chamber
of London.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That if the Surplusses of the said Fund, charged with the Annuities which shall be payable in respect of the said Sum of shall at any Time or Times hereafter prove insufficient to pay off and discharge the same, then, and in every such Case, and so often as the same shall happen, the Sum, which shall be wanting to complete the Payment and Discharge of such Annuities, shall be advanced and paid out of the Chamber of the said City, and be made good and supplied out of the future Surplusses of the said Fund.

The Money
borrowed to
be applied
only for the
Purposes of
this Act;
and if any
Surplus, to
be applied to
increase the
Fund.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Sum of so to be raised and borrowed as aforesaid, shall be applied for or towards the Purposes of this Act, and that no Part thereof shall be applicable, or applied, to or for any other Use, Intent, or Purpose, whatsoever; and, if any Surplus shall remain of the said Sum of over and above what shall be applied to the Purposes aforesaid, such Surplus shall be applied and appropriated for or towards the Increase of the said Orphans' Fund.

Securities to
be entered in
Books.

And be it further Enacted, That the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being shall enter in a Book or Books, to be kept for that Purpose, all Securities for Moneys borrowed, or Annuities granted, in Pursuance of this Act, and all Assignments and Transfers thereof; expressing in Words at length the Names, Surnames, Additions, Places of Abode, and other Descriptions, of all such Persons, as shall from Time to Time be entitled to such Securities, and the Sums received upon such Securities, and the Days whereon the said Annuities respectively shall be payable; to which Book and Books all and every Person and Persons intitled to, or interested in

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in, such Annuities, shall at all seasonable Times in the Day Time, have Access, with free Liberty to inspect the same, without Fee or Reward.

And be it further Enacted, That, from Time to Time, there shall also be provided and kept by the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, one or more Book or Books, in which all the Moneys which, by Virtue of this Act, shall be raised or borrowed upon the Credit of the said Fund, shall from Time to Time, as the same shall be received, be entered and set down, and wherein also all the Moneys, to be paid and disbursed out of the Moneys to be received, shall from Time to Time be entered and set down; and such Entry shall express the Time when the Occasions for which, and the Names of the Persons to whom, the same shall be so paid.

Chamberlain
to keep Ac-
counts of Re-
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Disburse-
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Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, or such Committee or Committees as shall or may be appointed as herein before is directed, and they are hereby authorized and empowered respectively, from Time to Time, to nominate and appoint such and so many Clerks, and other Officers under them, as shall be necessary to be employed in or about the Execution of all or any of the Purposes aforesaid; and out of the said Moneys to be raised by Virtue and in Pursuance of this Act, to make such Allowances to the said Clerks and Officers respectively, for their Care and Pains in the Execution of their respective Offices, as they shall think reasonable, any Thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Common
Council em-
powered to
appoint Offi-
cers,

and allow
them Salaries.

And be it further Enacted, That all and every Officer and Officers, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, concerned or to be concerned in the Receipt of the Money by this Act appropriated to the Purposes aforesaid, before he or they shall be permitted to take upon him or them the Execution of any of the said Offices, shall be bound with sufficient Sureties to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, for the just and faithful Execution of such Office or Employment, in such reasonable Sum or Sums as by the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City shall be thought fitting, having Regard to the Trust reposed or to be reposed in such Officer or Officers.

Officers con-
cerned in the
Receipt of
Money to
give Security.

And

Penalty on
Officers mis-
applying any
of the said
Moneys.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Chamberlain of the said City of *London*, or other Officer or Person aforesaid, shall, after Receipt of any of the Moneys aforesaid, divert or misapply the same, or any Part thereof, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, then such Chamberlain, or other Officer, or Person aforesaid, so diverting or misapplying the said Money, shall forfeit the Sum so misapplied; which said Forfeitures shall be recovered by any of the Creditors of the said City claiming under or by Virtue of any of the said Acts herein before mentioned, or by the Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, of any of them, who shall sue for the same by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance shall be allowed.

City answer-
able in case
of any Mis-
application.

And be it further Enacted, That if the said Sum of or any Part thereof, shall happen to be misapplied or converted to any other Use than as aforesaid, by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, by the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of *London*, for the Time being, or any of their Officers, or any other Person or Persons, acting under Colour of any Warrant, Power, or Authority, by, from, or under, them, respectively, then, and in such Case, the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens shall be answerable for the same out of the Revenue of the said Corporation, in any Action to be brought by any of the said Creditors, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns; which the said Sum and Sums so recovered, shall be applied to the same Uses as the same Sums (if not misapplied) should or might have been, except that the Costs of Suit shall be deducted and retained thereout in the first Place, for the Benefit of him, her, or them, so suing.

Disburse-
ments to be
included in
the Chamber-
lain's Annual
Accounts.

And be it further Enacted, That in the annual Account, in and by the said Act of the Seventh Year of His present Majesty, directed to be by the Chamberlain of the said City of *London*, for the Time being, laid before each House of Parliament, as by the last mentioned Act is directed, shall be included an Account of the Disbursements of the said Sum of or of so much thereof as shall then have been raised and borrowed.

This Act not
to affect any
of the City's
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ditors.

provided also, and be it further Enacted, That Nothing in this Act contained shall extend to lessen or affect the Security of any of the present Creditors of the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, further or otherwise than is herein expressly directed and enacted.

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And it is hereby further Enacted, That all Penalties and and Forfeitures by this Act imposed (the Manner of recovering and levying whereof is not hereby otherwise particularly directed) shall be recovered and levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels, by Warrant, under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, of the County, City, or Place, where the Offence shall be committed, or the Offender found, which Warrant, such Justice or Justices are hereby empowered and required to grant, upon the Confession of the Party or Parties, or upon Information of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, upon Oath, (which Oath, such Justice or Justices is, and are hereby empowered, to administer,) and such Penalties and Forfeitures, when recovered, after rendering the Overplus (if any be) upon Demand to the Party or Parties, whose Goods and Chattels shall be distrained and sold, (the Charges of such Distress and Sale being first deducted) shall be paid to the Chamberlain of the said City, for the Time being, and be applied, One Half to the Informer, and the other Half towards the Purposes of this Act; and, in Case sufficient Distress shall not be found, then it shall and may be lawful, to and for any such Justice or Justices, to commit such Offender to the House of Correction, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Space or Time not exceeding Days.

Penalties and Forfeitures how to be recovered & applied.

And be it further Enacted, That the Expences of passing this Act shall and may be paid out of the Moneys to be raised and received under or by Virtue of this Act.

Expences of this Act how to be paid.

And be it further Enacted, That where any Distress be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on Account of any Defect, Default, or Want of Form, in any Proceeding relating thereto; nor shall the Party or Parties be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, *ab initio*, on Account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity may recover full Satisfaction for special Damage by Action on the Case.

Distress not to be deemed unlawful for want of Form.

And be it further Enacted, That no Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, or any Order made, or any other Matter or Thing to be done or transacted, in or relating to the Execution of this Act, shall be vacated or quashed for Want of Form only, or be removed or removable by *Certiorari*, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, in any

Proceedings not to be quashed for want of Form.

of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster (except as herein before is mentioned), any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Act of 24 Geo.
II. for ren-
dering Jus-
tices of the
Peace more
safe in the
Execution of
their Office
extended to
this Act.

Limitation of
Actions.

General Issue.

Costs.

Public Act.

And be it further Enacted, That the Statute made in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, "An Act for the rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Constables and others acting in obedience to their Warrants," so far as the said Act relates to rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Office, shall extend and be construed to extend to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Justices, respectively, acting under the Authority of this Act, and no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done, in Pursuance or under Colour of this Act, until *14* Days Notice shall be thereof given in Writing to, or after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, or after *Calendar* Months next after the Fact committed, for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought, and every such Action shall be brought, laid, and tried, in the City or County where the Cause of Action shall arise, and not elsewhere; and that the Defendant or Defendants in such Actions or Suits, and every of them, may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence, at any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon, and that the Matter or Thing, for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought, was done in Pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and, if the said Matter or Thing shall appear to have been so done, or if it shall appear that such Action or Suit was brought before *14* Days Notice given as aforesaid, and that a sufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered as aforesaid, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury or Juries shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and, if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance thereof, or if Judgement shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then, and in any of the Cases aforesaid, such Defendant or Defendants shall have *Costs*, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have, for Costs in other Cases by Law.

And be it further Enacted, that this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and all Judges, Justices, and other Persons, are hereby required to take Notice thereof as such, without specially pleading the same.

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FOR

Widening and Improving the Entrance into the City of *London* near *Temple Bar*, for making a more commodious Street, or Passage, at *Snow Hill*, and for raising, on the Credit of the Orphans' Fund, a Sum of Money for those Purposes.

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